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National Day of Prayer

The Bible calls on believers everywhere to pray for their nation and national leaders. Each year American Christians join together on the first Thursday of May in a National Day of Prayer. Be a part of this year's Fort Huachuca observance at the Main Post Chapel today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year's observance will be held in the courtyard. We will also be providing hoagie sandwiches, chips and drinks during a time of fellowship after our prayer time.

Register to vote

Exercise your freedom to vote. Stop by the Claims office in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Building 51102 before Friday to register to vote. Forms are available for Arizona residents and out-of-state residents. Persons wishing to register may also obtain information and absentee ballots by going on the web at www.fvap.ncr.gov. For voting questions, call 533-2009.

MPs, SPs sniff out 11th Sig. Bde.

By Sgt. Cullen James
 Scout Staff

Using narcotic-sniffing dogs, and the latest in drug detection technology, Fort Huachuca Military Police, with help from both Luke and Davis Monthan Air Force Base Security Police K-9 units conducted a Health and Welfare of the entire 11th Signal Brigade Tuesday.

"The brigade commander [Col. Daniel Judy] came to me and Lt. Col. [Peter] Mrockiewicz [director, Fort Huachuca Directorate of Public Safety] and asked for [the health and welfare]," said Capt. Vincent Chambers, chief, Law Enforcement Division and MP Company commander here.

"Colonel Judy asked if it was feasible and how quick we could do it. We told him right away," said Chambers. "He asked us last week."

A normal health and welfare inspection of one building usually takes about 45 minutes, said Staff Sgt. Mark Nieto, kennel master, Fort Huachuca MPs. "We've been here for about four-and-a-half hours," Nieto said as they wrapped up inspection of the Thunderbird barracks. They still had to inspect the 11th Sig. Bde. motorpool.

Starting at 9:30 a.m., the MPs and SPs, with their canines, inspected Alchesay Barracks, the Thunderbird Village barracks and the 11th motorpool. At the end of their search, the dogs "hit" on two rooms at Alchesay, two rooms in the Thunderbird area, and one vehicle in the motor pool. The group also used a drug detection swab, "A brand new means of detecting drugs," said Chambers.

"The swab looks exactly like one of those acne pads you use to wipe your face with," Chambers said. "What we do with



Photo by Sgt. Cullen James

Air Force Senior Airman Alvin Bond, 56th Security Force Squadron, Luke AFB, takes his dog through the parking lot of the 11th Signal Brigade's Thunderbird Barracks sniffing for possible hits on drugs. Bond was down helping out the Fort Huachuca Military Police conduct a Health and Welfare Inspection of the entire 11th Sig. Bde.

them is wipe down the surface of a room - walls, bed rails, sinks, anywhere - record the room number, and take the swabs out to the vehicle out here," he said pointing to a built-up humvee containing a large piece of electronics equipment.

"We put the swab into the machine, and it can tell us the type of drug used and in what quantity," he explained.

This was the first time the Fort Huachuca DPS had ever used the swabs, and at the end of the day there were over 28 hits that showed positive for heroin,

cocaine, methamphetamines and marijuana. The swabs showed significant use of each drug, according to Chambers.

The test results from the swabs were 95 percent accurate within 60 days and 98 percent accurate within 30 days, according to Bill Ivory, chief, DPS security division.

"It's very accurate," Ivory said. "If the wipe says it's heroin — it's heroin."

The information gathered from the

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Cohen warns DoD needs more money by month's end

American Forces Press Service

MUNICH, Germany — DoD needs \$2 billion by the end of May or "the Army is going to have some serious problems," Defense Secretary William S. Cohen warned.

Speaking to reporters April 30 on the way to Europe, Cohen addressed the status of DoD's \$2 billion supplemental budget request now in Congress. He said more money is needed to maintain readiness.

"I've taken about \$200 million under a discretionary authority that I have and moved it out of Navy and Air force accounts to pay for activities in Kosovo," Cohen said.

He stressed DoD needs the money by the end of May or there would be serious consequences: "Property maintenance will have to be deferred. There may be a prospect of furloughs if it goes beyond the end of the month. We've tried to make it very clear that we need action as quickly as possible."

The Scout's Chaplain

See yourself through another's eyes

By Chap. (Col.) Thomas R. Decker
Installation Staff Chaplain

Okay, Scout, how do you look? Nobody told you for a while? The Army Times April 24 issue reported that Army's Vice Chief of Staff, Gen. John Keane, told Pentagon staffers that the Army's dress code counts for uniforms, boots, haircuts, mustaches and "military bearing!"

I once stood inspection with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Support Command, 4th Infantry Division. Lt. Col. Robert Gordon, executive officer, said briskly, "Chaplain, trim your mustache."

I have since given the same directive to others. I doubt that I would have taken the Army's hair policy too seriously had I not been a mustache offender.

The Army — or any other branch of the services — does not guarantee how we will look in the eyes of another. Come to think of it, there are few guarantees like that in life.

Do we look forlorn? Tired? Fit for duty? Paunchy? Worthy to be promoted?

Desirable as a partner? A cowboy estimate was, "You could ride the river with him." My favorite is, "There's somebody I could invite to go fishing."

There is, however, more to one's life than one's appearance.

A friend recently recounted an anecdote pending serious surgery. We talked about potential outcomes, and he expressed his confidence in the doctor, hospital, and in the potential for a good recovery. There is, however, always the chance that something will not quite be "normal."

God sees us through his own eyes. It does not include medical procedures or diagnoses or even the prognosis for a year or even more. God sees us, to include who we are, our past, our present and our future. We see in part; God sees our totality. He sees the potential that each person has. He sees us for whom he created us to be.

The next time you stand before the mirror, take a good look: soldier, wife, husband, son or daughter, officer or enlisted. This is who you are. And you are more, much, much more, than the reflection in the mirror!

Library has career study guides

By Natalie Danforth
Reference Librarian

Study guides are available in your Fort Huachuca Library to help prepare you for entry-level tests and licensing in your chosen career field.

The following careers are covered in the 378.166 section:

- Air traffic controller
- Allied health professions
- American Foreign Service Officer
- ASVAB (sometimes referred to as the Practice for the Armed Forces Test)
- Automobile technician certification
- Bus operator, conductor
- Case worker
- Clerical exams
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- Correction officer
- Court Officer
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- Fiction**
- Harry Potter — Prisoner of Azkaban*
 - Harry Potter — Chamber of Secrets*
 - The Brethren*
 - Daughter of Fortune*
 - Harry Potter — Sorcerer's Stone*
 - Gap Creep*
 - The Lion's Game*
- Nonfiction**
- Tuesday's with Morrie*
 - The Rock Says*
 - 'Tis*
 - The Greatest Generation*
 - Have a Nice Day*
- Advice**
- Eating Well for Optimum Health

Letter to the Editor

Career counselor comments on retention program, reasons to reenlist

The entire Retention team on Fort Huachuca is willing to go the extra distance for soldiers that are qualified to reenlist and desire to remain in the Army and those who wish to transition into the Reserve Components.

Master Sgt. Larry Pitts

Editor:

I am writing to respond to the commentary in the April 27 issue of *The Fort Huachuca Scout*.

I understand the frustrations and concerns of the writer. However, I feel that the article treated the Army Retention Program unfairly.

The entire Retention team on Fort Huachuca is willing to go the extra distance for soldiers that are qualified to reenlist and desire to remain in the Army and those who wish to transition into the Reserve Components.

First of all, we are not at the point of trying to keep

any soldier in the Army. All soldiers must understand that reenlistment is a privilege for soldiers who have maintained an acceptable performance record.

As far as reenlistment bonuses, they are crucial to maintaining the enlisted strength level in shortage Military Occupational Specialties. Reenlistment bonuses are a very good incentive for soldiers.

The little trinkets that the writer spoke of are not intended to be an incentive to reenlist. These items are for publicity and normally given to soldiers that reenlist.

It is a fact that the Army cannot compete in wages

with many of the private companies but we do our very best with reenlistment bonuses, educational incentives and other programs.

Let's face it, money is not the only reason that we choose to stay Army.

I agree that the quality of life of soldiers is very important to retention. During Retention Training Conferences, Retention Steering Groups, etc., we always bring up quality of life issues to the senior Army leadership.

In fact, career counselors have conducted quality of life surveys and provided findings to the commands.

We must all understand that money is a key issue for the entire Army. I feel that our senior leaders are trying to do the very best in providing better wages, better housing and better medical care for soldiers and their families.

Master Sgt. Larry Pitts
Senior Career Counselor, Fort Huachuca

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Post celebrates Law Day with naturalization ceremony



Photos by Sgt. Cullen James

Spc. Pipijn Helgers, administrative specialist, Fort Huachuca Staff Judge Advocate Office, signs his citizenship papers after taking his oath of citizenship.

*By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff*

Fort Huachuca celebrated Law Day, May 1 by holding a naturalization ceremony in which two soldiers and several civilians from Southeast Arizona were made citizens of the U.S.

The ceremony, held at Greely Hall auditorium here, was the first of its kind on Fort Huachuca, according to Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. "I can't think of a better way to celebrate Law Day than what we're doing here," he said. "I'm especially delighted that we have soldiers among you."

"As American citizens you are able to enjoy the benefits of citizenship ... a land of freedoms, guaranteed not by individuals, but by law," Thomas said.

"Soldiers swear an oath to the law, an oath that is very similar to the one you just took," Thomas explained. "Soldiers know the truism of the saying 'Freedom isn't free.' The many benefits and responsibilities of citizenship take many forms, and I'd like to talk about one."

"One our freedoms is the freedom to speak freely and to petition the government. One of your most important responsibilities is to vote. Remember your responsibility this fall to ensure our laws remain vibrant," Thomas said.

"The law is the purest embodiment of the will of the

people," Thomas concluded.

Presiding over the ceremony was U.S. Federal District Court Judge John Roll. "It's a tremendous honor to be invited here today," Roll said. "America is a country in which immigrants have played a very vital role. Immigrants, their children and grandchildren helped shape America.

"I'm reminded that the Bishop of Tucson is the son of migrant workers ... and one of the judges in Tucson, who's father was Mexican, was the first member of his family to graduate high school," Roll said.

"The list of immigrant role models goes on. America has a history of great people who overcame adversity ... many public figures ... some of these people may only be known

to their families and friends. America is such a land of opportunity, but if the great people of the past had listened to the detractors and given in to the nay sayers ... America wouldn't be as great as it is.

"Today, America is a better country because you are its newest citizens," Roll concluded.

"It feels great!" said Sgt. Jesus Quitain, from the 208th Reserve Transportation unit, Tucson, and native of Columbia. "I've been waiting for three years. I want to stay with the government and now I can."

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Commentary

Soldiers are credentials, tomorrow's leaders

*By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff*

Last week's commentary kind of rocked the boat with touchy subject matter. This week, I thought it would be best to focus on one of the reasons our Army is the best.

Our Army is a tremendous organization with a rich history full of pride and sacrifice. But our Army is a constantly changing organization, growing and renewing as soldiers retire or ETS and civilians become new soldiers.

We realize as these new soldiers enter the Army, that we must change with them. What was effective for soldiers in World War II had to be modified for soldiers in Vietnam, and the tactics and ideologies from Vietnam adapted for Saudi Arabia. They will continue to adapt and change as technology, wars and soldiers continue to change.

The constant throughout all of the changes in the Army is the special, volunteer soldier that makes up our force. It's our job as noncommissioned officers and officers to lead, train and care of these soldiers. That's why it's so important to ensure our Army continues to be a place soldiers want to be.

Army Leadership, Field Manual 22-100, talks about soldiers being our creden-

tials. Many of us have seen that and heard that, but what does it really mean? Here's the story from FM 22-100, page 3-2:

"In September 1944 on the Cotentin Peninsula in France, the commander of a German stronghold under siege by an American force sent word that he wanted to discuss surrender terms. German Maj. Gen. Hiram Ramcke was in his bunker when his staff escorted the assistant division commander of the US 8th Infantry Division down the concrete stairway to the underground headquarters. Maj. Gen. Ramcke addressed Brig. Gen. Charles D.W. Canham through an interpreter: 'I am to surrender to you. Let me see your credentials.' Pointing to the dirty, tired, disheveled — but victorious — American infantrymen who had accompanied him and were now crowding the dugout entrance, the American officer replied, 'These are my credentials.'"

Again, though, what does this mean? To me, this means that as leaders, our best legacy, our strongest voice, our most vocal supporters or our most voracious detractors are the soldiers we lead. In the eyes of our commanders, leaders can appear to be many things. But, looking at the soldiers we lead,

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Take precautions to guard against rabies

*By Maj. John K. Harmer, DVM MPH
Chief, Veterinary Services*

Rabies is a frightening disease that is 100-percent fatal in people and animals. It has been studied as early as 2300 BC and we are no closer to a cure.

We do not see much rabies in this country because we know an awful lot about prevention and that has changed how we look at the disease.

Rabies is spread by the bite of rabid animals. Our first line of defense is to not be bitten by any animal.

This is a great time to remind children about approaching dogs and cats. Most animal bites occur in the animal's own yard and the victim usually knows the animal.

It is also a great time for adults to notice the difference between an animal that is behaving normally and one that isn't.

Domestic dogs and cats are much more likely to run into a rabid skunk or bat than people are. They are delightfully and foolishly curious about things that people never even notice.

They will chase a skunk into the woods and pick up a sick bat to carry around for a toy. In order to protect ourselves it is essential we protect our animals. They must

first be protected from their own playful nature.

The biggest reason we have leash laws is because they keep animals from becoming entangled with wildlife and each other. They also do a great job of protecting people from animal attacks. Follow the post leash laws religiously. Hold your neighbors to the same standard.

Fortunately we live in a time when there are very safe and effective vaccines for animals. Local laws and post regulations require animals be vaccinated against rabies.

It is dangerous and foolish in the middle of a local rabies outbreak to have an unvaccinated animal in our midst.

Usually animals have to have a booster vaccine every year. In Arizona they allow a vaccine that lasts for three years, but only when specific requirements are met. Verify which vaccine was used on your animal.

Check the expiration date on your rabies certificate or call the veterinary treatment facility (533-2767) and have your animal's records checked.

Rabies is the primary reason all animals on post are required to be registered.

With the recent rabies cases it is a time for intelligent concern.



Soldiers and civilians take their oath of citizenship in a naturalization ceremony Monday.

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Veterinary Services

AFAP identifies top five DA issues

ASC release

At the November 1999 Army Family Advocacy Program conference, 125 delegates considered 126 issues and adopted 27 into the AFAP, voting these as the top five:

- **Basic Allowance for Housing Appropriation and Data Collection Criteria (#448):** Current BAH rates fall short of congressional intent and data collection methods do not include all factors that influence soldiers’ choices of housing.
- **Graduation Requirements for Transitional High School Family Members (#456):** DoD family members are frequently burdened with varying high school graduation requirements

- causing schedule adjustments or graduation delays.
- **TRICARE Vision Plan (#472):** Eyeglasses, contact lens exams, and contact lenses are not TRICARE benefits for all categories of beneficiaries.
- **Education Transition Assistance for K-12 Military Family Members (#453):** The educational progression of military family members can be adversely affected by their mobility and varying educational requirements among schools.
- **Standards and Funding for Army Family Action Plan and Army Family Team Building (#466):** Lack of dedicated funding, standards, and accountability for these programs weakens their effectiveness.

Fort Huachuca AFAP agenda

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| May 17 | |
| 8-8:45 a.m. | Registration |
| 8:45-9 a.m. | Welcome |
| 9-9:15 a.m. | Opening Remarks — Command Group Representative |
| 9:15-9:50 a.m. | Work Groups — Introduction and Set-up |
| 9:50-11:30 a.m. | Issue Identification and Development |
| 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1-4 p.m. | Work Groups-Continue Issues |
| May 18 | |
| 8-8:30 a.m. | Check-in (Registration Desk) |
| 8:30 a.m.-noon | Select Priority Issues |
| Noon-1 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1-2:30 p.m. | Complete Issues for Presentations |
| | Computer Write-up Check for Clarification |
| 2:30-3:40 p.m. | Report Out (10 mins. Per Group) |
| 3:40-3:50 p.m. | Closing Remarks Command Group Representative |

Each work group must schedule their break(s).

Kudos Korrer

Soldier of the Quarter

MEDDAC recognizes Pfc. Sharon Long as its Soldier of the Quarter. Long works as a behavioral science technician in the Department of Behavioral Health at RWBAHC.

Since arrival in September of 1999, Long has actively participated in numerous programs to support MEDDAC and the welfare of her fellow soldiers. She is a board member of the BOSS program and the Junior Enlisted Committee and has recently completed her first marathon, the Bataan Memorial Death March, with fellow MEDDAC team members. She also earned the German Proficiency Badge last November.

Long will be one of several MEDDAC soldiers attempting to earn her Expert Field Medical Badge this June. MEDDAC congratulates her on her accomplishments and appreciates her continuous efforts towards self-improvement and dedication to her unit and the United States Army.

April’s Soldier of the Month

Spc. Wilson Ramirez, Company D, 86th Signal Battalion, is Fort Huachuca’s Soldier of the Month for April.

Ramirez, a wire systems installer with the cable/switch and control section, attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C. and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon, Ga. He attended the Cable Splicing Course and plans to retire from the military as Sergeant Major

of the Army.

He lives on Fort Huachuca with his wife, Misty; daughters, Whittnie and Jade; and son, Matthew.

April’s NCO of the Month

Sgt. Adam J. Powell, Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, is Fort Huachuca’s Noncommissioned Officer of the Month for April.

Powell, an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle technician/instructor with the maintenance training section, attended Basic Training at Fort Leonardwood, Mo. and Advance Individual Training at Fort Huachuca. Overseas assignments include Germany and Bosnia.

He has attended the UNIX maintenance course, UAV technical course, and combat lifesaver course, among others.

Powell’s plans include winning the Sergeant Audie Murphy Board and completing both degrees he is currently pursuing.

April’s Civilian of the Month

Jose E. Torre, Directorate of Installation Support, has been selected as Fort Huachuca’s Civilian of the Month for April.

Torre serves as work order coordinator for service order and emergency work for maintenance and repair of all Fort Huachuca real property. His empathy to the customer needs, coupled with exten-

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HousingFAQ\$

Fencing questions answered

Housing release

- Q. I see several houses with chain link fencing around the installation. Is it possible to get some for my home?**
- A. Yes. During renovation projects, housing has removed the government-owned chain link fence and stored it at the Furnishings Warehouse, Building 30133.
- Q. Can anyone remove the fencing material from vacant houses?**
- A. All fencing materials are government property and may not be removed by anyone other than authorized contractor personnel.
- Q. Once the fencing has been removed from the vacant houses, can I be issued fencing?**
- A. Yes. Fencing will be available on 8 May 2000 on a first-come, first-served basis for installation by the residents.
- Q. Will the government install the fence for me?**
- A. No.
- Q. When and where can I get fencing?**
- A. The fence materials are at the Furnishings Warehouse, building 30133, will be issued to family housing

- residents 8 May 2000. The Furnishings Warehouse staff will not issue any materials prior to this date. They will not take names for placement on a waiting list at any time.
- Q. How much fencing can I get?**
- A. The fence materials available will be 2" x 11GA x 48" chain link fabric — length not to exceed 120 linear feet. Gates: 3' x 4' walk gate and 10' x 4' double drive gate. All available fence materials are in limited quantities.
- Q. If you run out of fencing before I get there, will you be getting more?**
- A. No, once all materials have been issued, the current program to issue excess chain link fence materials will end. All associated fence materials, to include: line posts, terminal posts, top rails, brace bands, tension bands, post caps, rail ends, eye-tops, tension bars, carriage nuts/bolts, aluminum ties, hog rings, tension wires and pre-mixed concrete - will be obtained by family housing residents. None of the associated materials will be issued by the Self Help Store.
- Q. What is the procedure for getting the fencing?**
- A. Prior to going to the Furnishings Warehouse to request issue to fence materials, the following documents must be obtained:
- Fence Installation Request - available at the Hous-

- ing Office, Building 41415. Housing must approve this form prior to submitting to Furnishings.
- Digging Clearance — available at Contract Management Division (CMD), Building 22126. Completing the clearance form at CMD is the beginning of the process requesting the actual clearance.
- Various utility companies perform the clearance (Blue Stake). Each company (electric, water, gas, and telephone) will physically mark the yard of the requesting resident to indicate the location of buried utilities.
- Once complete, the digging clearance is approved, and may be picked up at CMD. Only approved digging clearances will be accepted at Furnishings. The approved digging clearance must be posted at the job site.
- Chain link fences must be installed within 30 days of material issue. Chain link fences are intended only for the quarters to which materials are issued. All excess fencing material must be turned back in to the Furnishings Warehouse.
- Upon completion of fence installation, residents must contact the Housing Office at 533-3611 or 5711 to schedule a final inspection.
- (Editor’s note: This series of questions and answers is sponsored by the Fort Huachuca Housing Office regarding issues of mutual concern to all residents of post. The Housing Office encourages your involvement. E-mail your questions or comments to whiteg@huachuca-emh1.army.mil.)

NCO volunteer works with young adults

By Karla Grosinsky
Installation Volunteer Coordinator

Why do people volunteer? More than eight out of ten people say they volunteer because they feel compassion for those in need. Nearly three-fourths of respondents volunteer because they have an interest in an activity or work, and 70 percent volunteer to gain a new perspective on things.

A majority of Americans believe disconnection is at the heart of many problems found in our nation's communities. But they also believe that volunteering brings people together. Volunteering is an opportunity to bridge gaps between diverse populations.

We have a fine example of someone bridging gaps and "connecting" with others here at Fort Huachuca. Sgt. 1st Class Brien Brenfleck has been working with young people for several years.

Before joining the Army, he volunteered as a Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts for about three years and then moved on to juvenile programs with the court system.

Brenfleck said that after he joined the Army in January 1981, he has done a lot of traveling and he did not get back to working with young adults until he arrived at Fort Huachuca in October 1996.

"I finished my [college] degree in Criminal Justice and was very interested in the Court system in my hometown of Casa Grande, Ariz.," he said. "I have a very close friend who was a Pinal County Superior Court Judge and in charge of the Juvenile Justice Pro-

gram. "After visiting him in court several times while on leave, I noticed a lot of young adults ages 10-17 in his court room for various reasons and getting time for their crimes. I asked my friend more about his work and how many young adults were in the programs. After learning more from the judge, I asked if I could work with some of his programs."

The first of these programs was Seeds of Hope. This program allowed Brenfleck to connect with offenders while supervising the community service they were required to do. An even more unique program for troubled youth, Project Stomp is another area Brenfleck has volunteered his time.

Project Stomp is a military-like experience in which they attempt to assist troubled youth in obtaining the mental and physical tools they need to prepare for their future.

Brenfleck says he likes working with the juvenile system because "it helps troubled youth learn about right and wrong, and teaches them about self discipline." It also allows him an opportunity to learn more about a career field he may consider upon his retirement from the Army in the next two to four years.

Why does he volunteer? "It is very rewarding to see the youth respond to you in a positive way now and later on in life," Brenfleck said.

(Editor's note: This is the last in a four-part series highlighting the volunteer achievements of some of the volunteers at Fort Huachuca.)

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Sgt. 1st Class Brien Brenfleck

School News

Fort students log miles, learn more

Accommodation Schools release

Dates to remember

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| Today | Fun Day at Johnston Elementary |
| Friday | No school — Teacher Work Day |
| Saturday | PTSO Carnival at Myer, 10 a.m. |
| Tuesday | Site Council Meetings (Myer at 3 p.m., Smith at 3:15 p.m.) |

Myer Elementary School

Magellan Running Club: Top fourth-grade girls, Chomin Dalton from Jan Camps room and Aubry Jones from Jan Barnes' room with both logging 11.25 miles. Top fourth-grade class was Jan Camps room with 75.75 miles.

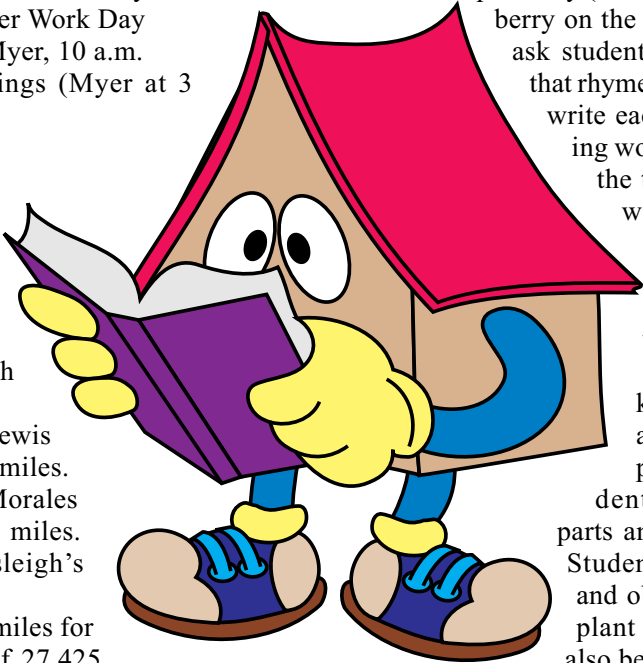
Top fifth-grade girl was Jenny Lewis from Val Quarto's room with 12.5 miles. Top fifth-grade boy was Ricardo Morales from Terri Romo's room with 15.5 miles. Top fifth-grade class Regina Chesleigh's room ran 103.5 miles.

Myer students ran a total of 689 miles for the four-day period worth a total of 27,425

miles for the year.

Betty Davis' kindergarten classes are having "Rhyme Time." The teacher will cut out a large construction paper berry (of any kind) and post the berry on the wall. Then she will ask students to think of words that rhyme with berry. She will write each mentioned rhyming word on the cutout. As the theme continues she will encourage the children to keep their ears open for more rhyming words.

Sandy McGuire's kindergarten classes are working on a plant unit. The students will learn plant parts and how plants grow. Students will plant seeds and observe the roots and plant growth. They will also be studying nutrition.



Local resident to manage city, post campuses

UOPhx release

Sierra Vista resident, Mignonne Hollis, has been named manager of the University of Phoenix Sierra Vista campus and Fort Huachuca Learning Center, according to Kathy Alexander, vice president and director of UOPhx's Southern Arizona campuses.



Mignonne Hollis

Hollis has been a University of Phoenix faculty member for three years. She also earned her BSBA and MBA at UOPhx.

A 1981 graduate of Tombstone High School, Hollis has been active in Sierra Vista Lutheran Church as well as many local causes.

Founded in 1976, the private, accredited University of Phoenix offers graduate, undergraduate degree programs in business, management, technology, information systems, education, counseling and nursing.

Approximately 2,500 working adults are enrolled in the University of Phoenix's Southern Arizona campuses.

Community Updates

Aerobic instructor needed

MEDDAC will be hiring a certified aerobics instructor to begin July '00 for our Pregnancy Fitness Program. Certified instructor must be able to lead group aerobics for pregnant and postpartum soldiers 5:55-7 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Music and “boom box” to be provided by hiree. Instructor would be paid on an hourly basis and would be hired as a contract provider. If interested, call Pat Marshall, R.N. at 533-9995 or pager 515-1463.

DOIM training classes

The Directorate of Information Management is offering several computer training classes during May. Classes include Advanced Excel today, and PowerPoint on Friday. The following weeks include Basic Structure and Design, Monday; Basic Access, Wednesday; Intermediate Access, May 11; and Advanced Access, May 12; Windows 95/98, May 15; Outlook, May 17; HTML, May 18; FormFlow, May 22; Basic Excel, May 24; Advanced Excel, May 25; and PowerPoint, May 31.

The DOIM is holding training classes in all of Office 97 software throughout the month of May. To get registered for these classes, call Pfc. Jamie Gert at 533-2868.

ASC's G-2 retires

The U.S. Army Signal Command here is scheduled to host a retirement ceremony for its Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, Friday at Brown Parade Field at 4:15 p.m.

Col. Richard W. Laszok, a 29-year veteran will retire after serving in a broad spectrum of assignments in military intelligence, special operations and the comptroller career fields.

Laszok has been awarded the Silver Order of Mercury from the Signal Corps Regimental association, and will be presented with the Knowlton Award by the Military Intelligence Corps Association at the retirement ceremony.

Laszok is married to the former Debbie Malec of Clarksville, Tenn. They have four children, Brooke, Alex, Sarah and Ashley.

The ASC G-2 will reside in Sierra Vista, Ariz. upon retirement.

In the event the outdoor ceremony is canceled due to inclement weather, a indoor ceremony will be conducted at 4:15 p.m. at Barnes Fieldhouse Friday.

Harley Run to the Border

The Southern Arizona Harley Riders will host their 9th Annual Run to the Border 2000 during Cinco De Mayo weekend, Friday-Saturday, at the Historic Gadsden Hotel in Douglas. Sign in Friday, 1-10 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Fee is \$10 per person, \$9 for AMA members. Kids 13 and under are free. This

is an American Motorcycle Association sanctioned event with proceeds benefiting Cochise County charities. All motorcycle makes and models welcome. Open to the public. No weapons and no bad attitudes. For information, call Mata at 459-4135.

Self-Help closed

The Self-Help Store will be closed on Saturday. For information, call Wendy S. Alameda-Clark at 533-1029.

Open art show

The Huachuca Art Association's WestEnd Gallery announces the upcoming May Open Show. This art show will be held at the WestEnd Gallery, 260B West Fry Blvd. near Blimpies. This judged show will feature the works of the Huachuca Art Association members as well as non-members.

This is an annual show where any artist from any area, including outside of Arizona may display their artwork in the WestEnd Gallery. All of the fine artwork will be for sale. The show will run Saturday through June 3, with a reception opening the show 3-6 p.m. on Saturday.

Going to the dogs

Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club will host two days of Conformation and Obedience Competition, Saturday and Sunday at the Community Center Soccer Field, Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista. Saturday includes a sanctioned B-OB Match at 3 p.m. Registration is on site noon-2 p.m.

Canine Good Citizen test will follow the match. Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., the All-Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trial will take place. See your favorite breed compete. For information, call 458-7839.

PWOC May service

Protestant Women of the Chapel invite all ladies to the May Praise and Worship Service featuring Roger Bayes on Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. This service concludes the Spring Bible Studies with an installation of new board officers for the 2000/2001 year.

Summer Studies begin again on June 13. Limited childcare provided to military cardholders. For more information, call Sandy at 458-5813.

Fort archaeologist speaks

The Arizona Archaeological Society, Cochise Chapter, presents Fort Huachuca's archaeologist at the monthly meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Sierra Vista Public Library. Charles Slaymaker will speak on forensic science and the work he has done in recovering MIAs.

The society is also hosting an ongoing field project on Fort Huachuca. For

information, call Larry White at 459-2182.

Professional development

Lt. Gen. William H. Campbell, director, Information Systems for Command, Control Communications and Computers, will speak on Army information technology May 11 at 11:30 a.m. at La Hacienda Club, Main Ball Room. The presentation will address ESI, digitization, Army Distance Learning and I3MP.

Tickets are \$7.25 and include a German buffet and salad bar. Reservations are needed, call Wayne Sittler at 452-0469, Mike Davidson at 452-8127, John Keenan at 459-4347, Ray Kervahn at 459-3690 or Bill Meyer at 458-7070. This event is sponsored by AFCEA, AOC, IEEE and ITEA. The public is welcome.

Mandatory ethics training

All DoD personnel required to file a Financial Disclosure Report are required to attend ethics training annually. All new employees are required to receive this training within 30 days of entering on duty. Training sessions will be held 10-11 a.m. in Room 1215, Greely Hall, on the following dates: May 11 and June 14.

Financial Disclosure Report filers are required to attend only one training session per calendar year. For information, call Tom King at 533-3197.

Blood drive scheduled

A blood drive will be held at Building 53301 (across from Greely Hall, off Arizona Street) from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on May 12.

Blood needs are constant, but in the summer time, we face an increasing need for blood along with a decimated donor population - winter visitors are gone, high school drives vanish until September, vacations abound, and it's just plain hot.

You can help enormously by donating on May 12. Every donor will receive a surprise gift. To make an appointment or for more information, call Katharina Criscuolo at 538-3120. Appointments are appreciated, but walk-in will not be turned away.

Vacation Bible school

The Main Post Chapel is sponsoring SonZone — vacation Bible school with an interactive, hands-on curriculum where children learn about Jesus. SonZone is scheduled 2:30-5:30 p.m. June 5-9 at the Main Post Chapel. This is for children of all congregations and religions, ages four years through sixth grade.

Children will have fun playing games, making crafts, hearing stories, doing science experiments, singing songs and eating snacks.

Registration begins May 15 at the Main Post Chapel or call Kristine at 458-7986.

Miss Sierra Vista applications

Applications for the Miss Sierra Vista 2000 pageant are now available at Jim's Glass and Mirror, 81 S. Garden Ave., Sierra Vista. Competed applications must be returned by May 15. The pageant is open to young women between the ages of 17 and 24. You must be a high school graduate and 17 years old by July 31, 2000 and no more than 24 years old by October 2001.

The pageant is open to young women residing in Sierra Vista, Fort Huachuca, Tombstone, Huachuca City and surrounding areas. The contestants will be required to perform a 2 minute 30 second talent. The pageant is set for July 29, 7:30 p.m. at the Buena Performing Arts Center at Buena High School. For information, call 378-3792 or 459-0272.

Field Sanitation class

The quarterly Preventive Medicine Field Sanitation Class will be held 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., June 5-9 at the Fort Huachuca Education Center. All enlisted personnel, active duty or reservist from any of the Armed services are eligible to attend.

The potential attendee does not have to be stationed at Fort Huachuca to attend. To be officially enrolled in the Field Sanitation class, fax a memorandum of request to include the soldier's name, rank, social security number and primary MOS to Preventive Medicine at 520-538-0886 DSN 821-0886.

Acceptance is on a space available basis so those memos that are received first will get first priority. The deadline for all memos is May 18. For information, call Cpl. Crayton or Spc. Oliveras at 533-9013 or 533-7031. DSN is 821.

Heritage celebration set

The theme for the year 2000 Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration is "Voices for the Millennium." This year's celebration will commence on May 20, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Fort Huachuca Main Exchange. Events include sharing Asian and Pacific Islander culture through food tasting, dancing, martial arts and exhibitions. All the festivities are free and may be enjoyed by everyone.

For information, call the post Equal Opportunity office at 533-5305, 533-1717 or 538-0533.

Special missions recruits

A recruiting team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command will visit Fort Huachuca to brief on opportunities to become an Army Warrant Officer and Recruiter.

Briefings will be conducted May 23-24 at the Fitch Auditorium. The Warrant Officer briefs will be at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30

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Remembering the Holocaust

By Jim Garamone
American Forces
Press Service

WASHINGTON — Months of combat couldn't steel World War II American GI's for the sights they witnessed when they liberated the Nazi death camp at Nordhausen, Germany, on April 11, 1945.

"We were battle-tired and combat-wise medics, and we thought there was nothing left in the books we didn't know," said Army Sgt. Ragene Farris, 329th Medical Battalion, 104th Infantry Division, in a history of the division. "Yet in a short period of two days I and many others of the division saw and lived a story we shall never forget."

Farris never forgot what he saw that day. The purpose of Yom Hashoah — the Day of Remembrance May 2 — is so those who did not see the Holocaust do not forget its lessons. The theme for the 2000 observance is "The Holocaust and the New Century: The Imperative to Remember."

DoD encourages all members to reflect on the lessons of the Holocaust during Yom Hashoah. "The Holocaust is not merely a story of destruction, loss and apathy," wrote Alphonso Maldon Jr., assistant secretary of defense for force management policy in a memo to DoD departments. "It is a remarkable account of ordinary individuals of extraordinary courage."

"This occasion reminds us that we should continually rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality and justice for all," Maldon continued. "For our nation, it is an opportunity to pay tribute to the memory of Holocaust victims, survivors and their liberators, and reaffirm into the new millennium our belief in the dignity and worth of every individual."

Nordhausen was the site of a concentration camp that supplied workers to underground factories that produced the Nazi V-1 and V-2 rockets. Officials estimate that from 1943 until 1945, 60,000 prisoners worked in these factories. Of these, 20,000 had died from various causes including starvation, fatigue and execution.

When the 104th Infantry Division liberated Nordhausen, the call quickly went out for all the division's medics to help the victims. Many prisoners were near death, and the sheer number quickly overwhelmed the capacity of the division. U.S. commanders went into the city of Nordhausen and ordered the population to help rescue the prisoners of the camp and the accompanying factories.

Army Pfc. John M. Galione was one of the men who discovered Camp Dora — the underground factory staffed by slave labor. "We thought nothing could hurt us. We were hard from war," Galione wrote in a post-war remembrance. "But, when we walked in there, we couldn't help getting choked up. Some of the soldiers even got sick to their stomachs — they turned aside and threw up by the fence. There were dead bodies piled up. The smell was so bad, like nothing you can imagine. We couldn't believe any human being could be so cruel."

"The people were so happy to see us, they were tugging our clothes, thanking us, hugging us, some were even putting their hands together and thanking God. They just



Photo by Pfc. G.A. Haynia

A six-year old war orphan with a Buchenwald badge on his sleeve waits for his name to be called at roll call at the Buchenwald concentration camp, Germany, for departure to Switzerland in June 1945.



Photo by Cpl. Donald R. Ornitz

Liberated prisoners in the Mauthausen concentration camp near Linz, Austria, give a rousing welcome to the 11th Armored Division (Cavalry).

wanted to touch us, like we were God or an answer to their prayers. They looked like the walking dead. They were skin and bones. That's all. No meat. Their faces were sunken like skeletons. Some of them were so weak they didn't even live long enough to be rescued. They were so weak, we had to carry them out."

Nordhausen was just one concentration camp. There were hundreds of others stretched across Germany and Eastern Europe. The largest was Auschwitz, in Poland. Established in 1940, it was really a series of camps, including concentration, extermination, and forced-labor camps.

More than one million people were murdered at Auschwitz, nine of 10 of them Jewish. The Nazis made death a system. It was Nazi leader Adolf Hitler's "Final Solution" to the "Jewish Problem." Jews and other "undesirables" — Gypsies, homosexuals and anyone who disagreed with Hitler — were moved to the area. Those who could work in the slave labor camps, did so until they died. Those who could not work went straight to the gas chambers and were murdered. The four largest gas chambers could each kill 2,000 people at one time.

General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, the supreme allied commander and later President of the United



Photo by Technician 4th Class J.E. Myers

After liberation from the Buchenwald concentration camp, Germany, in 1945, these Jewish children are on their way to Palestine.

States, visited a camp soon after its liberation and witnessed the depravity of the Nazi regime first hand.

"The things I saw beggar description," Eisenhower wrote to General of the Army George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff.

"The visual evidence and the verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty and bestiality were overpowering. I made the visit deliberately in order to be in a position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to 'propaganda.'"

But it has been 55 years since the liberation of the camps. Direct witnesses of the atrocities are growing old. Survivors of the camps — many still suffering from the effects — are dying.

"Time dulls the impact of events," wrote Leon Karalokian of the 104th Signal Company who helped liberate Nordhausen. "There are those who now maintain Hitler's Holocaust never occurred. Would that it was possible to take the doubters by the hand, back through the years, and point out the tragedy of this minor concentration camp! Sobered and drained each of us eventually left the area [of Nordhausen], in the words of a poet a sadder but wiser man."



In the Spotlight

See your MWR activity highlighted in The Fort Huachuca Scout, call 538-0836.

School-Age Services provides constructive, fun programs

School-Age Services is a supervised, before- and after-school program for youth, first grade to 12 years of age. A limited number of hourly slots are available. This program compliments, rather than duplicates, children's school experiences.

Beginning in June, and continuing through August, School Ages Services provides a full day Summer Camp from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost for the Summer Camp is based on total family income.

Activities provided fall into four service areas; Sports/Fitness, Life Skills/Citizenship, Leisure/Recreation and Mentoring/Support. Activities within these areas include; arts and crafts, music, science, woodworking, bowling, skating, science, block building/construction, drama, swimming, bowling (at Desert Lanes), local field trips, monthly Tucson field trips, club activities (cooking, crafts, games) and other enrichment activities.

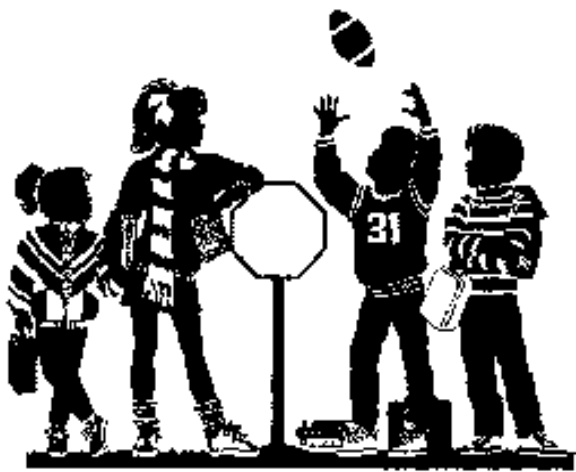
During the school year, School-Age Services offers a computer lab and homework center. The computer lab offers youths an opportunity to acquire basic computer literacy and is equipped with 15 multimedia personal computers with CD-ROM, speakers, color printers and modems for Internet and e-mail use.

The homework center provides an instructor to assist youths after school with their homework as well as gives strengthen academic and learning skills in a safe, age-appropriate environment.

The programs provided by School-Age Services were accredited by the National School Age Care Alliance in 1997 and are currently preparing for reaccreditation in 2000.

School-Age Services is located in the Youth Center, Building 49013, and operates during the school year from 5:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Operating hours on non-school days and during summer vacation are 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fees for all programs are based on total family income. For more information, call the School-Age Services Director at 538-1198.



Visit MWR online at www.mwrhuachuca.com

MWR release

MWR recently unveiled a web site designed to keep customers abreast of the latest MWR programs, activities and events.

Paula German, MWR marketing director, created the site with the help of her husband, Sgt. First Class LeRoy German and the Information Systems Engineering Command. The site, mwrhuachuca.com, has been up since January.

Upon entering the site, customers may visit pages for each MWR facility on post. Facilities on the website include Apache Flats RV Resort, Army Lodging, the Arts Center, Buffalo Corral, Desert Lanes, Mountain View Golf Course, MWR Rents, Premier Caterers, Restaurants, RPM Car Center, Sports Facilities, and the Sportsman's Center.

Each page gives general information on the facility, hours of operation and phone numbers. Soon to come, a map of Fort Huachuca will be added to the site to help find your way around post.

The Event Calendar page is a convenient, one-stop way to view all events planned for the year on Fort Huachuca.

As events approach, the MWR website lists the most up-to-date news and information on upcoming events. Just click on the Special Events page to find

the particular event you're looking for. Some event pages are interactive.

For example, the Thunder Mountain Marathon page allows you to print an entry form and course map. The current Dog Days of Summer Army Concert page will soon host a contest.

Beginning Monday, visit the Dog Days of Summer page, send an e-mail from the page providing the information requested and you could win two VIP Meet and Greet Passes!! The Dog Days concert will be held June 10 and features Foreigner with special guest Kansas. The winning name will be drawn from respondent e-mails on June 2. Winners will be notified by e-mail and phone.

The MWR website also features a "Kool Links" page to provide visitors with links to related sites.

The Employment page lists current job opportunities within MWR as well as continuous open positions. This page allows you to e-mail personnel directly.

The mwrhuachuca.com website is an excellent source of information on Fort Huachuca happenings so bookmark it on your computer today. And, be sure to visit the sight on Monday to enter the Dog Days of Summer Army Concert Tour contest and win VIP Passes and meet the members of either Foreigner or Kansas!

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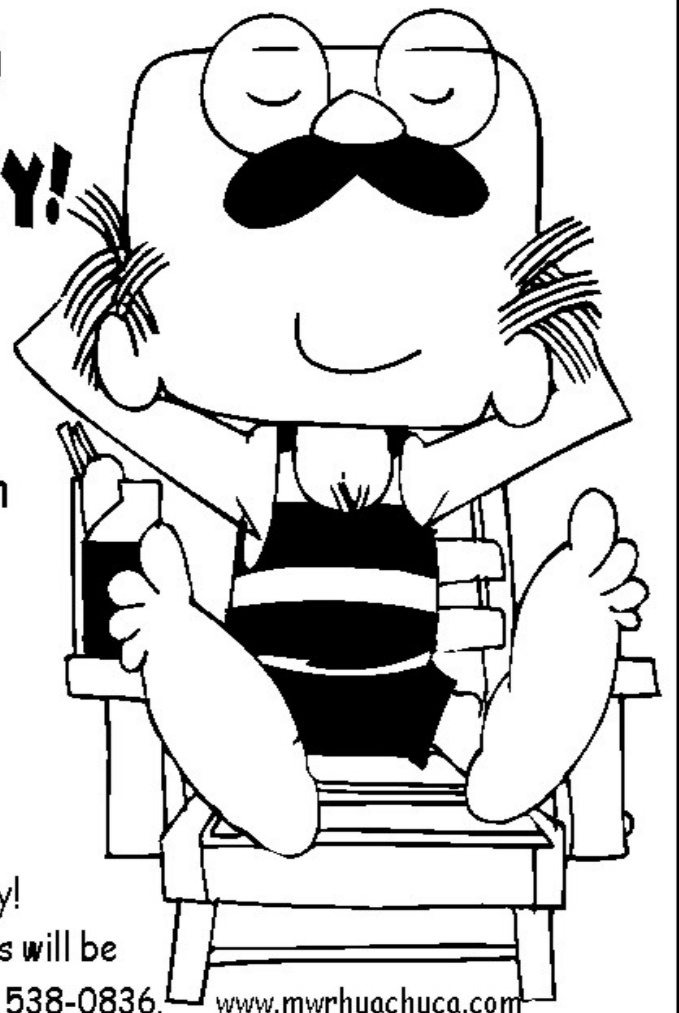
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for MWR Rents
- ★ 2 FREE Buffet Lunches
at La Hacienda

So fill out and return your survey today!

Prize drawing from all returned surveys will be held on May 21. P.O.C is Paula German 538-0836.

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Fort Huachuca Morale, Welfare & Recreation Updates

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation is responsible for content appearing on MWR pages in The Fort Huachuca Scout.

Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil.



THUNDER MOUNTAIN MARATHON AND RELAYS

FORT HUACHUCA
SIERRA VISTA • AZ

Marathon is Saturday!

The Thunder Marathon and Relays is Saturday! Packet Pickup begins today at Barnes Field House from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday at the Windemere from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 533-2947. Good luck to all of the participants!

Road closures for Saturday

The following roads will be closed Saturday for the marathon: **Squire (Brainaird to Kelsay)**. On post traffic should detour up Kelsay. **Brainaird (Kelsay to Hatfield)** from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Brainaird (Hatfield to Arizona)** 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Whitside (Brainaird to Irwin)** 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. **Whitside (Irwin to Smith)** 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. **Garden Canyon Road** 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Winrow (Irwin to Mountain View Golf Course)** 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Off post traffic must detour down Squire.

Please use caution while driving and keep your eyes out for the runners!

SPORTSMAN'S CENTER

533-7085

A Concealed Carry Renewal Class will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$30.

A Concealed Class will be held on May 31, June 7, 11 & 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$67. Range Day will be held on June 11 from 1 to 5 p.m.

A Registered Trap Shoot will be held Friday through Sunday.



Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Make your reservations now for the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on May 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. First 100 reservations free, additional reservations pay \$7. For more information or to make reservations, call ACS at 533-2330.

MWR ARTS CENTER

Summer Art Class Special

Beginning in June, take any three art classes and pay only \$100. Choose from the following classes: Ceramics, pottery, framing, basketry, stained glass, jewelry, photography, raku, painting, monthly craft classes and more! For more information, call 533-2015 or stop by Building 52008 at the corner of Hatfield and Arizona and check us out!



New summer hours

Beginning June 1, Desert Lanes operating hours will change to the following:

Mon. -Thurs.: 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Fri.: 11 a.m. to Midnight

Sat.: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Sun: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For information, call 533-2849

La Hacienda

533-7322

Celebrate Cinco De Mayo this Sat. at La Hacienda with the the live Mexican band Alas De Oro from Douglas as well as a DJ playing Salsa and Merengue. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Must be 18 years old and have a valid I.D. card. Menudo and others snacks from Pepperoni's will be served.



Live Urban Comedy Show

On May 27, La Hacienda will host the Live Urban Comedy Show. This show will be headlined by Tone X, hosted by Darrell Kyle, opened by Charles Walden and will feature Big Les. This show is adult entertainment. You must be 18 years old and show valid I.D. to enter. Get your tickets early. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information, call 533-3802.

Drugs from Page 1

swabs cannot be used as evidence in a court, explained Chambers, but they can be used to establish probable cause which can allow further investigation.

This wasn't the first time the 11th Sig. Bde. has had a brigade health and welfare, nor was it the first time Fort Huachuca MPs partnered with their Air Force counterparts, according to Nieto.

"We did this very same thing about a year ago," Nieto said.

"At the request of Colonel Judy we came out and did this last year, and asked

the Air Force to help," said Chambers. "We couldn't have done this without them. We only have two narcotics dogs on Fort Huachuca, and they would have never been able to handle an operation this size by themselves. With the other two dogs, we were able to accomplish the task, although four dogs is the minimum you'd want to use for this size mission.

"We have a great working relationship with Davis Monthan and Luke, and they agreed to come out on pretty short notice," Chambers added.

"It's great training for the dogs," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Gregory Jones, 355th Security Forces Squadron, Davis Monthan AFB. "We hardly ever get to come out and do two to three hours of continuous training."

Air Force K-9 handlers on site were: Jones, Senior Airman Christina Cleary, 355th SFS, and Senior Airman Alvin Bond, 56th Security Force Squadron, Luke AFB.

"It's great training," said Chambers. "Any time two services can get together and work together it's good."

"Our two services have pretty much the exact same [K-9] program, so this is great for us," Jones said.

"We're a tool for commanders," Chambers said. "We fit nicely into units' anti-drug attempts and we're here to provide information to the commanders. If a commander asks for something, we'll have an MP there."

Findings from the health and welfare inspection will be turned over to commanders for them to handle on a case by case basis, Chambers concluded.

Citizen from Page 3

"It took me about six years," said Spc. Pipijn Helgers, administrative specialist, Fort Huachuca Staff Judge Advocate Office. "It normally takes three years, but I had some lost paperwork."

"I first had to get my permanent residency, which can be hard, but I had help [from a couple of New Mexico senators]," Helgers, originally from Holland, said. "I also had help from Sen. [John] McCain, his office did a lot. And the JAG office here helped a lot. I was able to get my interview, which was being held up because I was waiting on my security clearance.

There were lots of calls and letters from both Sen. McCain's office and the JAG office. It all helped a lot."

Quitian currently works for Tucson Newspaper as well as being a sergeant in the Army Reserves. He plans to continue his government service. Helgers plans to attend Johns Hopkins University to get his master's degree in International Studies. He hopes to get a government job after completion of that degree.

"The naturalization ceremony was simply a brainstorm, because different individuals in our office have been involved

with such ceremonies in the past" said 1st Lt. James Ford, Fort Huachuca Staff Judge Advocate Office.

Ford was the action officer for the ceremony and, "Did a wonderful job of putting the ceremony together on short notice," said Col. Brent Green, the Staff Judge Advocate here.

"There really were not too many difficulties setting up the ceremony," Ford said. "[Immigration and Naturalization Services] was very helpful in assisting us. They told us certain things that were absolutely necessary to the ceremony and

they coordinated the participation of U.S. Federal District Court Judge John Roll. The rest (of the ceremony preparation) was just figuring out the little details."

Countries from which the recent citizens came from included: The Netherlands, Columbia, Germany, Thailand, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Panama and the United Kingdom.

"We may do a ceremony next year; no decision has been made just yet," Ford explained. "With enough advance notice, we probably could get 40 to 50 individuals in a ceremony."

DeCATidbits

Leafy greens high in nutrients

DeCA release

The leafy greens category ranks high on several nutrient lists. Just what qualifies as a leafy green?

The following is a list: arugula, beet greens, Belgian endive, broccoli, bok choy, cabbage, chicory, collards, curly endive, dandelion greens, escarole, flowering kale, kale, lettuce, mache, mustard greens, radicchio, rapini, spinach, Swiss chard, turnip greens and watercress.

Important nutrients packed in leafy greens include calcium, folate, iron, magnesium and vitamin B6.

Beet greens, chicory and spinach especially are high in magnesium, potassium and calcium. Most leafy greens also are high in such carotenoids as lutein, alpha carotene and beta carotene. Studies show carotenoids may fight cancer by helping to eliminate cancer-causing chemicals. Spinach is particularly high in beta carotene.

Kale and spinach top the vegetable list of items high in antioxidants. Kale scored the highest, followed by spinach.

One serving equals a cup of raw greens or one-half cup of cooked greens. To gain the most nutrients from cooked greens, cook them in stainless steel, enamel or glass pans. Aluminum and copper react with the sulfur compounds in the vegetables and create an unpleasant odor and flavor and they destroy vitamins C and E and folic acid.

Frequently asked questions

Q. How do you reduce the strong odor that results from cooking cabbage?

A. Just drop a whole walnut into the cooking liquid.

Q. How do you prevent lettuce from browning when stored several days in the refrigerator?

A. The keys to preventing browning during storage are low temperature (ideally 34-36 degrees) and elimination of excess moisture. It is important that the lettuce be well-drained before storing.

Q. How do you prevent Red cabbage from discoloring? (Red cabbage sometimes turns purple or blue while cooking.)

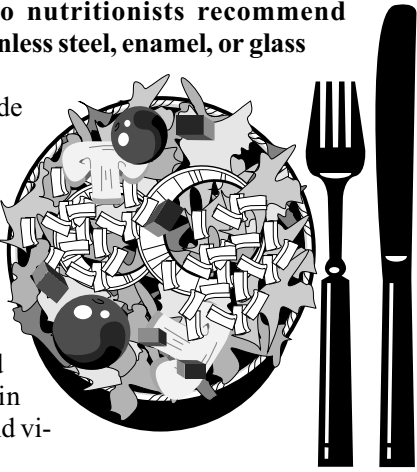
A. Add 1 tablespoon of vinegar or lemon juice to the cooking water to prevent it from turning blue when cooked.

Q. What is a serving?

A. A serving of raw leafy vegetables is 1 cup. A serving of cooked vegetables is 1/2 cup.

Q. Why do nutritionists recommend cooking in stainless steel, enamel, or glass pans?

A. Pans made of aluminum or copper react with sulfur compounds in vegetables to create unpleasant odors and flavors, and destroy vitamin C, folic acid, and vitamin E.



Fewer troops are on food stamps

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Far fewer service members are on food stamps than people think, according to Defense Secretary William S. Cohen.

Speaking with reporters en route to Europe April 30, Cohen said DoD officials have been operating on the assumption that about 12,000 active duty service members receive food stamps. Since DoD's last survey, however, he said, the number has dropped to about 6,300.

Pentagon officials recently announced they hope to eliminate food stamp eligibility inequities. Cohen said DoD wants equity for people living off-base and those living on, but not by taking away the food stamp benefit from eligible families.

"We'd like to see a situation where no service members are on food stamps, but we also want to make sure that any benefit that is available to our citizens is also available to our service members," he said.

DoD officials want to change food stamp eligibility rules by eliminating monthly cash housing allowances as income. Current food stamp rules count the allowances as income but not the value of government quarters. A service member living on base, then, would appear to earn less and could qualify for stamps more easily than a peer living off base.

Actually, according to department data, members receiving allowances fare worse because the money covers only 81 percent of off-base housing costs on average — and by law is intended to cover only 85 percent. Members and families off base also may have added transportation and gasoline costs because they don't have easy access to the commissary or the exchanges.

"So they have a double expense," Cohen said.

The secretary said he hopes that systematically targeted pay increases can eventually get all service members off food stamps.

DeCA is nuts about almonds' health benefits

DeCA release

What's all the talk about almonds? Weren't we told not to eat nuts because of their high fat and calorie content?

Well, as you sit back to read this tidbit, grab a handful of nuts and enjoy the great taste and good nutrition that these once-forbidden foods provide.

Nuts are now in the spotlight as the new protective food in the fight against heart disease. Almonds and nuts are rich in monounsaturated fats, vitamins and minerals and phytochemicals, all which are important for good health.

Epidemiological studies show that frequent nut consumption can actually offer protection from heart disease. Consumption of nuts can decrease LDL (bad) cholesterol, but is believed that it is the unique nutrient composition of nuts that accounts for the role that almonds play in decreasing heart disease.

Almonds are an excellent source of Vitamin E that has been associated with decreasing the risks of coronary heart disease and even prostate cancer. In addition to Vitamin E, almonds contain gamma-tocopherol that is believed to help neutralize harmful chemicals that are thought to be involved in the development of certain diseases.

The bottom line is almonds follow the theme of "all foods can fit." Although almonds do have a higher fat content they are low in saturated fat and contain no cholesterol.

A cup serving has three grams of fiber and provide 35 percent of the Daily Value for Vitamin E. All in all they are a healthy food if eaten in moderation.

R.D. Fischer, the new Fort Huachuca Commissary Store Director said they have almonds available in either the 8 oz. cans or in

10 oz. packages.

Try this Almond Biscotti and dunk to good health!

Almond Biscotti

- 2 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- Tsp. baking soda
- Tsp. salt
- Tsp. vanilla extract
- Tsp. almond extract
- 2 whole eggs
- 1 egg white
- 1 cup silvered or crushed almonds

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Arrange almonds on a baking sheet and toast until lightly browned. Allow to cool. Combine dry ingredients, set aside. Beat eggs and egg white, add extracts. Make a well in the middle of the dry

Ingredients and add egg mixture. Mix until moistened and add almonds. Shape into 2 loaves and knead until dough is well-mixed and easy to

handle (you may add up to a cup of flour to the dough for a non-sticky dough). Spray a baking sheet with vegetable spray and place loaves side by side.

Bake 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and cool on racks. Slice cooled loaves diagonally; return to cookie sheet and bake an additional 10 minutes or until lightly toasted. Store in a airtight container. Oven temperatures vary, so occasionally check to avoid overbaking.

(Editor's note:

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Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Memorial honors Japanese Americans' loyalty to nation

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Japanese American veterans of World War II are the cornerstone of the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism, but the memorial that's scheduled to be dedicated here on Nov. 9 is not just a veterans memorial, said Cherry Tsutsumida.

The \$8.6 million memorial is under construction near the city's main train station in a triangular park 600 yards north of the U.S. Capitol, said Tsutsumida, executive director of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation here.

In addition to commemorating the heroism and sacrifice of thousands of Japanese American war veterans, she said, the memorial pays respect to their parents and grandparents who fought a different battle, one

against injustice, prejudice and discrimination in the United States during World War II.

In early 1942, the U.S. government uprooted more than 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in California and other Western states and sent them to remote camps throughout the country.

"Japanese Americans were willing to undergo the unfortunate evacuation from the West Coast, without due process of law," she said. "Despite being interned, thousands of them saw it as their patriotic duty to enlist in the war efforts to serve their country."

And serve they did. Before the end of the war, 33,000 were in uniform. The all-Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team was one of the most decorated combat outfits in U.S. military history. It received seven Presidential Unit Citations, and its members received 18,143 personal decorations, including one Medal of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, one Distinguished Service Medal, 588 awards of the Silver Star, 22 Legions of Merit, 5,200 awards of the Bronze Star, 12 Croix de Guerre and 9,486 Purple Hearts.

"One of the men, who later became a judge, said he knew that whenever the 442nd went on a mission it was a high-risk mission," Tsutsumida said. "They knew they were taking more than their share of hits. But they did it because they felt that was the way they would assure that their families would be better treated after the war."

She remembers Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, a veteran of the 442nd, describing the day a general called a formation to present awards for a successful mission, but was taken aback by the few men present. "He got angry at the commanding officer and asked, 'Why are so

many of your men not here?'" Tsutsumida said. "The response was, 'They died.'"

But the memorial is more. "The younger generation, especially because of the Vietnam War, doesn't want Japanese Americans to be remembered — stereotyped — just as soldiers," she said. "They want to show that they believe the greatness of the nation [comes from] fighting for your civil rights as well as fighting wars."

"This memorial tells the nation that what happened to Japanese American during World War II will never happen again because of people's race, creed or national origin," she said. "We're trying to say that the greatest nation in the world made a mistake, but it has the courage to apologize and not deny that great nations make mistakes. By doing so, we reaffirm it will never happen again to any other group."



Medical Activity Command

Primary Care from RWBAHC plans for future

By 1st Lt. Ronna Winn
MEDDAC PAO

RWBAHC is preparing to better serve beneficiaries' needs by improving access and location of care. The efforts will include physical location changes inside the RWBAHC facility as well as moves from the CCC1 and CCC2 clinics in the near future.

Beginning in June, care for family members from the CCC1 clinic (pediatric and adult) will be transferred over to the RWBAHC facility. Active Duty members will continue to be seen at the CCC1 clinic. CCC2 family members' care will be transferred over later this summer.

Besides an improved location of centralized services, such as pharmacy, laboratory and radiology, patients will notice a change in the delivery of care. The care will be provided under a team concept, where a team is led by a physician with the assistance of nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses and medics.

This concept is called "Primary Care Provider by Name," and is similar to the management and choice of providers that civilians are provided by HMO organizations. Each family

member will be assigned to a patient provider team who is responsible for their primary care.

This team concept is being implemented to improve the continuity of care a family member receives. For example, seeing the same provider will allow a provider to better know a patient's history, previous use of medications and exceptional family member issues. Each patient has a two month "open window" to disenroll from their assigned team and choose another team if they desire.

"This program is about bringing the right resources together at the right time," said Col. Ronald Jones, commander, MEDDAC. "We have to spend our resources where they are most needed and spend them with a sustainable future in mind."

Until the MI family members move over to the RWBAHC facility in June, all beneficiaries will continue to receive care at their regularly assigned clinics. Jones will be holding public briefings later this month to introduce the program and provide an opportunity for family members to ask questions.

Locations and times for the briefings will be posted on fliers throughout the post, printed in The Fort Huachuca Scout and also available through command channels.

TRICARE Central Region Internet initiative introduced

TRICARE release

PHOENIX — TRICARE beneficiaries in the TRICARE Central Region now have access to a consolidated Regional Internet site, called "Central Region, Central Source," thanks to a unique partnering initiative between the TRICARE Central Region Lead Agent Office and TriWest Healthcare Alliance.

"The objective of the partnering initiative is to develop and implement Internet strategies that enhance the TRICARE program and better serve the needs of beneficiaries, providers, military treatment facilities, the Lead Agency and TriWest," said Col. Ted McNitt, Central Region Lead Agent.

The Lead Agency and TriWest Internet teams have been working for several months to build an integrated website that offers all TRICARE Central

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a commander will truly know how effective that leader is.

Knowing this, it only seems logical that it's imperative to ensure these soldiers have the absolute best we can give them - leadership, training, mentorship, etc. We must try and establish an environment where soldiers can grow - technically and tactically. The soldiers who are our credentials today, will be the leaders of tomorrow.

I had the opportunity to speak with a sergeant major from my career field who is soon to retire. He was stopping by all the installations under his realm of influence, saying goodbye and wishing everyone well.

As we sat around at lunch discussing different topics, it came time for the sergeant major to leave. He gave us a quick message about the Army and being leaders, and one thing he said particularly struck me. "I was asked by one of my master sergeants," said the sergeant major, "he said, 'Sergeant major, who's going to do all that you do when you're gone?' And I told him, you are."

The sergeant major addressed all of us and said, "When we [leaders] leave, you're the ones who are going to do our jobs."

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p.m. each day. The Recruit the Recruiter briefs will be at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. each day.

Each briefing will inform soldiers about the career fields available to include the Warrant Officer Aviation Program, and volunteer Recruiter program.

While applications are being accepted for all Warrant Officer MOSs, the following specialties are needed immediately: Special Forces, Criminal Investigation, Signal, Aviator, Transportation, and all Military Intelligence fields.

The Aviation Program is open to all qualified soldiers regardless of MOS and rank, while all other Warrant Officer MOSs are open to sergeants and above who meet select criteria.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Obeso or Sgt. 1st Class O'Brien at 533-2084 or 533-1707.

Soldiers unable to attend one of these briefings can receive information on the Warrant Officer and volunteer Recruiter program from their local Personnel Services Detachment/Military Personnel Division or on the Internet at: www.usarec.army.mil.

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Region constituencies comprehensive TRICARE and health care related information, while allowing both organizations to continue to manage their own content.

“Our overarching goal is to allow access to comprehensive health care information quickly and efficiently at one central source and to offer enhanced functionality to ease the administrative burdens of participating in a health care plan for beneficiaries and consumers alike,” said Dave McIntyre, president and chief executive officer of TriWest Healthcare Alliance.

“In essence, we have been able to make one-stop shopping for our individual and collective customers a reality. This coming year will see us further enhancing this platform with more and more functionality”

When the visitor accesses the site via <http://www.region8.tricare.osd.mil> or <http://www.triwest.com>, a common home page displays that link to the Lead Agent Office, TriWest and the TRICARE Program. The visitor will then be provided with a wide range of information and services that are available with the mere click of a mouse.

From this consolidated site, three new features are available: “Your TRICARE Benefits,” “Online Enrollment” and “Health Care Information/WebMD.” A recent study by Cyber Dialogue (July 1999) indicated that beneficiaries want the ability to enroll, check benefits, and manage more of their health care business online. These three new features are integral to TriWest’s goal of providing customers with easy access to the types of online health care and TRICARE information and services they are demanding.

“Your TRICARE Benefits” provides the visitor with a personalized table of benefits. After the beneficiary completes a brief profile online, a table of TRICARE benefits tailored to him or her is displayed. This online feature helps a beneficiary make an informed decision about which TRICARE benefit package best suits his or her needs. Additionally, beneficiaries will no longer have to sort through complicated benefits tables to try to determine which specifically apply. This addresses what consumers identified as their greatest information need due to the complexity of health benefits.

“Online Enrollment” gives active duty family members the ability to complete and submit a TRICARE Prime enrollment form to TriWest in a matter of minutes. Together, the TRICARE benefits table and online enrollment make Prime enrollment easier and faster. There is

also an online enrollment form for TRICARE Prime Remote-eligible service members, who can determine their eligibility and enroll quickly.

The third feature is “Health Care Information/WebMD.” Says McIntyre, “We are always striving for ways to assist TRICARE Central Region constituencies in accessing the latest health information. In order to provide beneficiaries and providers alike with the most up-to-date health care information, without having to leave our website, TriWest has entered into a strategic relationship with Healtheon/WebMD to provide this service. We were looking for the most comprehensive portal on the web, and the logical choice is Healtheon/WebMD.” The relationship with Healtheon/WebMD forms the backbone for a strategy to provide such Internet-based activities as online continuing medical education (CME) for providers, both civilian and military; the infrastructure for online pharmacy scripting; and the possibility of using the Internet as an integral part of the claims processing system.

“We believe the TRICARE Central Region is the first region offering TRICARE beneficiaries these types of services online,” says COL. McNitt. “TriWest and the Lead Agent Office are excited about ‘Central Region, Central Source.’ We look forward to further expanding our online services in the near future and providing the TRICARE beneficiaries with more customer-service-oriented features on our site.”

TRICARE is a regionally managed health care program for active duty and retired members of the uniformed services, their families, and survivors.

TRICARE brings together the health care resources of the Army, Navy and Air Force and supplements them with networks of civilian health care professionals to provide better access and high quality service while maintaining the capability to support military operations. The Lead Agent Office is located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and provides government oversight for the TRICARE program in the Central Region.

TriWest Healthcare Alliance is a Phoenix-based management service organization that is contracted with the Department of Defense for the managed care support and administration of the TRICARE program in the TRICARE Central Region. The goal of TriWest’s 650 employees is to provide the TRICARE beneficiaries in the 16-state region with access to cost-effective, quality health care and superior customer service.

DoD seeks feedback from exiting troops

By Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — DoD officials want to know what motivates service members to leave the military, so they’ve decided to ask.

All of an estimated 135,000 service members leaving active duty between April 1 and Sept. 30, 2000, are being asked to fill out a 16-page survey, said Army Col. Jeff Perry, a personnel manager with the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

“This is one of the toughest recruiting and retention environments in the history of the all-volunteer force,” Perry said. DoD wants to know what motivates people to stay or leave.

In 1999, DoD surveyed roughly 66,000 active duty troops on their satisfaction with military life. “This survey is focusing on those individuals who have made a decision to separate from the military,” Perry said. Individuals who receive other than honorable discharges or who are administratively separated are not part of the survey.

The survey, which should take about 20 minutes to complete, is broken down into eight major areas, ranging from demographic information, such as marital status, education level, and length of service, to amount of deployment time.

“We’re looking at the process they went through, how they made the determination to leave the military,” Perry said. “We’re also looking at what their perception of civilian employment is”

Some questions from this survey are identical to questions on the previous active duty survey. Perry said officials hope to compare answers and learn how people who decide to remain in military service and those who chose to leave view different motivators, particularly operation tempo.

Even though survey completion isn’t mandatory, Perry said he hopes departing service members will complete it out of concern for their comrades who stay in uniform.

“These are individuals who volunteered to serve in the military; they served honorably, and we’re asking for one last, small bit of work from them. How they respond will allow us to go back and address these issues for those individuals who are still on active duty,” he said.

Congress mandated the survey in the fiscal 2000 budget, and DoD owes them a report by Dec. 31, Perry said. After that, he said, DoD officials plan to “take this data and propose some changes” to address these issues.

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sive knowledge of the DIS mission continues to provide solutions to frustrating problems that could potentially evolve into serious situations. He is the first line customer contact for persons experiencing problems with their buildings, homes, child care facilities, streets, playgrounds, yards, recreational facilities and almost anything else that needs repair. His people skills extend to all grades & rank levels.

Torre is always willing to assist in making the work environment a better place. He has planted, watered, weeded and generally taken care of all the plants in front of the DIS building.

Torre is a devoted family man, and frequently discusses his son with pride.

Torre receives the use of a car for one month from Star Chevrolet; gift certificates from Sierra Vista merchants; a desk plaque from CPAC; a MWR certificate for Jeanie’s Diner; a wall plaque from the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce; and his name, as Civilian of the Month, posted at the Main

Gate.

Other nominees included Susan T. Mitterlehner, USASC; Kathryn S. Johnson, USAMEDDAC; and Donna R. Walker, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade.

Nominate your deserving employee for Fort Huachuca Civilian of the Month. Per FH Reg 690-5, all permanent appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund employees are eligible with the exception of employees officially assigned as supervisors (GS-10 and above) and senior executive service personnel. For information, call Theresa Fuimaono, CPAC, at 533-5282.

Blood Hound awards

Headquarters, Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Signal Command was recognized Wednesday during the monthly Military Affairs Committee luncheon at the LakeSide Activity Centre as winner of April’s Blood Hound Award for Small Units. Soldiers from HHC donated four pints of blood, which will help save 16 lives.

Recognition for medium size units went to the Noncommissioned Officer’s Academy which also donated 4 pints of blood, and the large unit Blood Hound Award went to Company A, 306th MI Battalion, for donating 17 pints of blood that will help save 68 lives.



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